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## **KANSAS BOOK FESTIVAL UNVEILS 2007 POSTER AND AUTHOR LINEUP**

**Michael Korda, Cal Thomas, Bob Beckel, Steve Doocy, and Harriet Lerner Top the Author List;  
Festival to Honor 2007 Kansas Notable Books**

WICHITA, KS — The Kansas Book Festival unveiled the poster for its 2007 event and announced the authors who will appear at the event on October 5-6 in Wichita.

State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau, who chairs the Festival's Executive Committee, was joined by Councilwoman Lavonta Williams and Cynthia Berner Harris, director of the Wichita Public Library, in unveiling the poster at a news conference at the Library and announcing the 50-plus authors who have confirmed to date.

"The credit for the Festival begins with Governor Sebelius who is honorary chair; she's committed to the importance of reading and literacy and has supported the Festival since its inception," said Brandau. "It says so much about our state and our values that we have a statewide event to honor books and literature! It says that Kansans honor their history, reading and their culture."

"We're thrilled that the Festival will return to Wichita for a second year. It offers our community excellent exposure and great literature," Berner Harris said. "The Festival contributes to our collaborative efforts and goals for the Wichita area to be place where people value reading, writing, and learning."

The poster, featuring a stylized sunflower, was designed by Gary Hughes, a Wichita State University graduate who is now a senior graphic designer for Hallmark and lives in Overland Park.

The Festival will feature readings, talks, and panels by more than 60 authors, among them

- **Michael Korda**, Editor in Chief Emeritus of Simon & Schuster and author of *Ike: An American Hero*
- **Steve Doocy**, Kansas native and co-host of *Fox and Friends* and author of *The Mr. and Mrs. Happy Handbook: Everything I Know About Love and Marriage*
- Journalists **Cal Thomas and Bob Beckel**, authors of *Common Ground: How to Stop the Partisan War That Is Destroying America*, a new book based on their *USA Today* column
- **Antonya Nelson**, a native of Wichita and a University of Kansas graduate who is a critically acclaimed fiction author; her latest book is the story collection *Some Fun*
- **Harriet Lerner**, from Lawrence and author of the groundbreaking books *The Dance of Anger* and *The Dance of Fear*
- **Dixie Cash**, the writing team of Jeffery McClanahan and Pamela Cumbie, whose new book featuring the Domestic Equalizers Detective Agency is *I Gave You My Heart, But You Sold It Online*

- **Michael Buckley**, children's author of the popular "Sisters Grimm" series.
- **Kimberly Willis Holt**, National Book Award-winning author of *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*; her new book is *Piper Reed: Navy Brat*

The Kansas Center for the Book's 2007 Notable Books authors will be spotlighted at the Festival, along with other Kansas writers, such as:

- **Don Coldsmith** (Emporia), an American literary legend and author of *Moon of Madness*
- **Shane Evans** (Kansas City, MO), award-winning children's illustrator; his most recent book is *When Gorilla Goes Walking*
- **Denise Low** (Lawrence), 2007 Kansas Poet Laureate and 2007 Notable Book author
- **Laura Moriarty** (Lawrence), author of two critically acclaimed novels, *The Center of Everything* and *The Rest of Her Life*
- **Kathy Patrick** (formerly of Eureka), founder of the nationally known Pulpwood Queens Book Club and author of the forthcoming *The Pulpwood Queens' Tiara-Wearing, Book-Sharing Guide to Life*
- **Nancy Pickard** (Merriam), another 2007 Notable Book winner with *The Virgin of Small Plains*
- **Cynthia Leitich Smith** (formerly of Kansas City), KU graduate and author of young-adult novels such as *Indian Shoes* and *Tantalize*
- **Dian Curtis Regan** (Wichita), author of many books for children, including *Princess Nevermore* and its sequel, *Cam's Quest*

A complete list of authors is available at [www.kansasbookfestival.ks.gov](http://www.kansasbookfestival.ks.gov).

The Festival will be held at Koch Arena, on the campus of Wichita State University, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, October 5, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, October 6. Admission is free.

The "Night of Notables" gala on the evening of October 5 will honor the Notable Book authors and will feature presentations by **Steve Doocy, Michael Korda, and Denise Low**. The event will be held at the Wichita Art Museum; tickets are \$100.

Sponsors for the 2007 Festival include a gift in memory of **Meredith Docking, Spirit AeroSystems, Kansas Lottery, Via Christi Health System & Preferred Health Systems, Papa John's, and Wichita State University**. Promotional sponsors include **Cox Communications, KAKE-TV, KPTS-TV, KMUW-FM, Journal Broadcast Group, and the Wichita Eagle**

The Kansas Book Festival is a presentation of the **State Library of Kansas, the Kansas Center for the Book, Wichita Public Library, the Kansas Historical Society, the Governor's Cultural Affairs Council, the Kansas Arts Commission, the Kansas Humanities Council, and the Greater Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau**.

For more information about the 2007 Kansas Book Festival, visit [www.kansasbookfestival.ks.gov](http://www.kansasbookfestival.ks.gov).

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